

# Hartley Wintney Rural District Council.

## ANNUAL REPORT

Of the Medical Officer of Health, for the Year ended 31st December, 1907.

**Estimated Population of District, 18,750.**

HARTLEY WINTNEY,

*February, 1908.*

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the Health of the District for the Year ending December 31st, 1907, and the conditions affecting or likely to affect the Public Health, as well as other matters, including Vital Statistics extending over the same period.

The chief event of the year has been a visit to the District by Dr. Spencer Low, one of His Majesty's Government Inspectors, followed by an elaborate report concluding with a series of recommendations to the Council.

The Death Rate is 11.36, another favourable fact is the smallness of the infantile mortality which works out at 47.5 per 1000 of Births registered. With one exception this is the lowest record since 1897, previous to which I have no records. Another favourable feature is the fewness of infectious cases notified, only 43 during the whole year.

**HOUSE ACCOMMODATION.**—The House accommodation throughout the District is yearly improving, more especially in respect to the working classes. Large numbers of new houses are being built. The houses occupied by the working classes in the southern portions of the District are old and of a poor type, many of the kitchen floors are composed of bricks laid on the ground. In consequence of their low rental, expenditure on them would be unremunerative, and as there is no compulsion on the part of the landlord to build new ones, a further depopulation of the Rural District would ensue if these houses were bad enough to condemn.

**DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE AND WATER SUPPLY.**—The Drainage at the Workhouse has not yet been commenced, and as I have been reporting on this matter in my capacity as Workhouse Medical Officer for 10 or 12 years I consider further delay should no longer be allowed.

Odiham is a large wide-spread parish, consisting of the Town of Odiham, the Hamlet of North Warnborough, and part of Hook. The sub-strata is chalk, in some parts giving place to yellow and blue clays and gravelly clays.

The Water obtained from some of the deep wells is excellent in quality, in others it is unfortunately polluted by the proximity of old closet cesspits, defective drains, etc. The disposal of the Sewage is by broad irrigation, and also by the main outfall which discharges its effluent into a small stream which satisfies the requirements of the Thames Conservancy. In the event of any Drainage Scheme being forthcoming for Odiham, it would be incomplete without embracing the whole of North Warnborough. Something has been done for the disposal of sewage there, but it is unsatisfactory and of a makeshift character.

The upper portion of this Hamlet has an old and very defective sewer which conveys sewage from a settling pond and from cottage sinks and cesspools to a ditch which leads to a watercress bed. The sewage is held back in dry weather, and washed into the watercress beds after heavy rain. The smells in the street are offensive before rain I am informed. Lower down the street is sewered. The sewer discharges into a large cesspool from which it is pumped in carts and drawn away within day time. This process draws many complaints of foul smells from users of the road and people dwelling by.

The cottages in the lower part of North Warnborough are especially of a poor type and in bad repair.

Early in the year I made a special report to the Local Government Board on the water supply at Rotherwick. Up to the present no improvement has taken place, in fact, as far as the supply is concerned, the parish is in precisely the same condition as on the date of my report. I consider the County Analyst should periodically examine the water supplied from Itchel by the Frimley and Farnborough Company.

**BAKERIES, COWSHEDS, DAIRIES, AND SLAUGHTER HOUSES.**—The Bakeries for the most part are in a satisfactory condition, as also the Slaughter Houses. Dairies and Cowsheds show a marked improvement during the past two years, some are good, others indifferent, some bad. One very bad one at Sutton Common has been closed.

During the year 1907, the Council passed Dairies and Cowsheds Regulations.

In June, I had occasion to direct the attention of the Council to the most insanitary state of affairs and a danger to Public Health at Dipley, due to a blocked water course. Prompt action was taken, and now no danger exists. In May, in conjunction with the Sanitary Inspector, I inspected a portion of the Blackwater both above and below the Bridge. About 150 yards to 200 yards above the bridge a 4 to 6 foot water course enters the stream. About 250 yards up this water course a large pipe, evidently connected with the sewage works at Camberley, was discharging black looking impure sewage, and polluting the river. My inspection was undertaken by special request of my Council. I advised that the nuisance should be abated and the river cleaned for about two miles. I am not aware that any action was taken.

Serious complaints having been made as to the overflow from the Laundries and w.c.'s at Yateley Hall finding their way into the ditch by the side of the road. I inspected same and found a danger to the Public Health existing; result, nuisance abated. Early in 1907, and again later in the same year, the question of providing Isolation accommodation was discussed, overtures have been made to neighbouring sanitary authorities.

In my last Annual Report, I drew attention to the necessity of providing up-to-date means of disinfecting clothes, bedding, etc. This could be done by the erection of a steam disinfectoir in a central portion of the district. This matter should be early taken in hand.

The District has been regularly and systematically inspected. The health of the area is decidedly good, and the sanitary conditions are better each year.

Appended are the Reports of the Sanitary Inspectors.

I am, Gentlemen,  
H. MATURIN,  
*Medical Officer of Health.*

FLEET,  
10th February, 1908.

To H. MATURIN, Esq., Medical Officer of Health,  
Hartley Wintney Rural District Council.

DEAR SIR,

I beg to hand you an account of the work done during the Year 1907, in the various parishes for which I am Inspector of Nuisances.

We have, during the year, given much more attention to Dairies and Cowsheds, and been more exacting in demanding compliance with the law on various points; two or three owners have already made great improvements, and other seven have only been waiting the adoption of the Regulations, (which are now in force) to make permanent improvements to Cowsheds.

BAKEHOUSES—											No.
Inspected	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21
CESSPOOLS—											
New on old premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Filthy cleansed	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17
DRAINS—											
Sink drains cleansed and repaired	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19
DITCHES—											
Foul cleansed	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24
DAIRIES AND COWSHEDS	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	53
HOUSES—											
New built with Water Supply	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19
Plans passed	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Filthy cleansed	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21
Unfit condemned	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Disinfected after infectious disease	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22
INFECTIOUS CASES—											
Attended to	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26
NUISANCES—											
Ordinary inspections remedied	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	33
OVER-CROWDING—											
Abated	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
PRIVIES—											
New built	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19
Repaired	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
Cleansed	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	37
PIGSTYES—											
Cleansed or removed	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
TENTS AND VANS—											
Notices complied with	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17
WELLS—											
New	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
Old cleansed	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11

I remain, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,  
J. R. SISTERTON,  
*Inspector of Nuisances.*

WINCHFIELD,

To DR. MATURIN, Medical Officer of Health,  
For the Rural District Council of Hartley Wintney.

I herewith beg to hand you a report of the Sanitary work carried out in the seven Parishes of the District for which I am Inspector of Nuisances, during the past year 1907. The seven parishes are—Dogmersfield, Greywell, Long Sutton, Odiham, Rotherwick, South Warnborough, and Winchfield.

## No.

Complaints received	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Very few
Houses and premises inspected	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	852
" " revisited	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1686
Intimations of Nuisances issued	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	99
Statutory Notices issued	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	49

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Constructed .. .. .	15
Abolished .. .. .	10
Lime-washed .. .. .	4
Cleansed .. .. .	3
Traps ventilated .. .. .	25
Flushing cisterns fixed .. .. .	9
"    "    repaired .. .. .	3
Water supply provided .. .. .	2
W.C. apparatus fixed .. .. .	12
"    "    cleansed .. .. .	1

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WATER SUPPLY—											No.
Provided .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Cut off by Company (Webb's)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Re-instated .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Certificates issued .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Wells cleansed .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
„ closed .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
„ sunk .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
„ curb raised .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
„ cover fixed .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Water tank covered .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Samples sent to Medical Officer of Health	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Numerous	
„ „ „ County Analyst .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17

#### MISCELLANEOUS—

Urinals cleansed .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
„ re-built .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
„ removed .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Gipsy camps inspected .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Numerous	
Notices issued under Bye-Laws	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
„ complied with .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Pails put under sink wastes	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
Pollution of stream prevented	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Overcrowding abated .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
House roofs repaired .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Premises limewashed .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Offensive accumulations removed	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19
Keeping of animals discontinued	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Pigstyes cleansed .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Cesspools cleansed .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	92
„ removed .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18
„ ventilated .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
„ built .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17
Foul ditches cleansed .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19

#### INFECTIOUS DISEASE—

Cases reported .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Notifications sent to School Teachers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Houses disinfected .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Rooms disinfected .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Visits paid to infected houses	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	107
Houses in which cases occurred	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Infected bedding and clothing sent away for steam disinfection	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3

In two cases the bedding was burned and replaced.

#### SCHOOLS INSPECTED—

Number visited .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
Conveniences needing alteration	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
„ improved .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Schoolrooms disinfected .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8

#### SLAUGHTER HOUSES—

Visited .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13
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#### FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS—

Number on register .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	59
Sanitary defects rectified .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Visits made .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20
Notifications to His Majesty Inspector .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9

#### BAKEHOUSES INSPECTED—

Registered during year .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Visits made .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	61
Sanitary defects remedied .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Limewashings .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Water supply improved .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Defective floors renewed .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2

#### DAIRIES, COWSHEDS INSPECTED—

Visited .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	66
Limewashed .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20

I am, dear Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

STANLEY BUTLER.